



HOMESCHOOL QUICK REFERENCE

Can I homeschool my child?

- Yes. Parents can teach through one of three lawful choices. For the association choices, a high school diploma or GED is enough; no teaching license is required. Attendance generally applies from 5 by September 1 to under 17; kindergarten waiver rules apply.

Can I choose what to teach?

- Choose your curriculum. Teach reading, writing, math, science, and social studies; grades 7–12 also include composition and literature.

Can I choose my schedule?

- Provide 180 instructional days. The district-approved choice also requires 4.5 hours daily. Association choices have no separate statutory daily-hour minimum.

How do I get started?

- Enroll with SCAIHS or a qualifying homeschool association of at least 50 members, or obtain district approval. Choose a lawful arrangement before starting.
- This guide's record description below centers on the 50-member association choice, often called Option 3.

Is testing required?

- For Option 3, keep a learning plan/diary, work samples, and semiannual progress reports with attendance and progress in each required subject. Follow association policies.
- The state does not mandate annual standardized testing for Option 3. SCAIHS and district approval have their own oversight/testing rules.

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YOUR CURRICULUM & NEXT CHOICES

How Faith Schooling Makes It Easier

- [Faith Readers](#) supports K–5 reading and phonics; [Grammar Garden](#) supports language and writing; [Building Number Sense](#) provides K–5 mathematics.
- Add science and social studies. Lesson notes and completed work can support your association records and semiannual reports. The [Homeschool Rhythm Builder](#) helps organize 180 days.

Other choices & helpful details

- District approval has separate parent-qualification, evaluation, and state-testing requirements. SCAIHS supervises its members. Read the state comparison and the selected organization’s requirements when choosing.

Helpful tools for your family

- Start with your child’s current skills. [HARVEST](#) is a free parent-guided reading placement check. It helps plan lessons; it is not a state-required standardized test or certified evaluation.
- The [Homeschool Rhythm Builder](#) is a free weekly planning tool. Keep any legally required attendance or hour records separately.
- Select complementary resources for the other subjects your state requires. The linked literacy and math programs are not a complete science, social studies, history, health, or government curriculum.

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